



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Regina Bentley

Date: May 12-13, 2014

Re: Tribal Summit, United Tribes

On Monday the day started with United Tribes luncheon. During the luncheon they tribes held a small discussion on issues that could be discussed with the Governor.

In the afternoon Tribal Leaders and Governor Snyder met for the Annual Tribal State Summit. Some of the concerns that were presented to the Governor. Indian

- Tuition Waiver-Short falls of funding for the colleges that accept the tuition wavier,
- The need for Up North manufacturing,
- Human Trafficking, Receiving information after the fact,
- Concerns with the Enbridge pipeline and needs to review the process if an emergency arises with the line.
- Historical Trauma,
- Negotiation with tribes on their compacts.
- Good job by our Tribal Chairman who took the lead in issues and discussion with the

Governor.

Monday evening was the United Tribes Dinner Meeting-Presentation by Brother John Hascall on healers gathering in June.

Tuesday was the regular United Tribes meeting. The day started with a welcome from Chief Steve Pego, SCIT. Cathy Abramson, President of the National Indian Health Board, spoke in regards to Health Funding for Special diabetes. She reminded the tribes that a letter was sent to each tribe along with 5 questions to answer. As of May 12 only one tribe has responded to her letter. That was Gun Lake. She reminded us of how import it is to help support the fight for more money for special diabetes. We are ok for 2014 but in 2015 the Bemidji area will be cut 14.3% in funding. The Bemidji Area is the lowest funded area of all the areas in the United States.

Melissa Claramunt gave an update on the Tuition Waiver and a breakdown of how many used the tuition wavier and how many from each tribe.

Next meeting will be in October, date to be determined, hosted by the Lac Vieux Desrt Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

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